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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our First Agency Newsletter

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the first edition of The Advocate, DYRS' brand new newsletter.

As our reform efforts continue, it is important to constantly communicate upcoming changes within the agency and positive staff and youth achievements to staff, parents, our youth and our community.

Every year the District spends thousands of dollars outsourcing printing and layout design. DYRS would have done the same, until it dawned on us, why not in-source our newsletter to our youth!

With the help of our vocational team at Oak Hill, Karen Spears, acting vocational coordinator and Gwen Hunnicutt, desktop publishing teacher had our Oak Hill youth operate like a professional graphic company, with the agency as their "client."

The newsletter that you are currently reading was designed and laid out by our talented youth at Oak Hill. Going even further, the communications team decided it would be great exposure for our youth to learn how to write articles as well as contribute their own pieces.

In the "Our Voices" section, you will find an article written by D.G. (8A) who expressed an interest in being the agency's first "junior journalist." D.G. conducted an interview with Coach Lyles, wrote the article and also practiced his photojournalism skills, taking the picture that accompanied his article.

As an agency, we must continue to use positive youth development to chart our course of action, building upon the strengths of our talented youth and our talented staff!

~Vinny



P.M (8A), works on the layout for the front page of the newsletter



Ms. Hunnicutt, center, works with Oak Hill youth to layout articles for the newsletter





Oak Hill Youth Awarded Internship with Redhead Advertising Agency

Redhead Companies, a marketing firm in Ellicott City, MD has given a committed youth at Oak Hill the opportunity to participate in their internship program, Redhead Ed, until the end of May. The youth selected for the program was B.P. of Mod 10.

B.P. has been involved in several projects at Redhead, including brainstorming sessions, creating possible design elements and researching media outlets for clients. He has also taken the initiative in starting new projects and has been extremely creative and a team player. He is even helping in the launch of their clothing line, Redhead Threads!

"B.P. has been incredibly self motivated and passionately interested in the field of advertising. He has quickly become known for contributing great ideas that have been used to benefit clients. He has a great attitude and work ethic," said Jane Stelbourn, president of Redhead Companies.

B.P. has proved to be a great addition to the DYRS intern/mentorship program and Redhead Companies.

Reading is Fundamental



DYRS has been given \$10,000 from The Episcopal Church of Ascension, in Gaithersburg, MD. The church dedicated this year's lent season giving to our agency. Nkenge Watkins, DYRS Program and Volunteer Coordinator, is working with the church to use the money to purchase books and books on tape for our youth.

"Our goal is to have a mini library on every pod at the Youth Services Center and Oak Hill," said Watkins. "The agency is grateful for such a huge contribution!"

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Congratulations

Congrats are an order to the staff at 450 H Street (Willie Calhoun, Adina Fuller, Michelle Hannibal, Larita Mullins, Christian Munoz, Shawntelle Nesmith, Oluyemisi Odango, Alma Richardson-Scott, Leroy Thorpe and Willie Toney) who helped with the depopulation of the 18 tier 3 youth at Oak Hill.

DYRS Welcomes Newest Administration Members



Deputy Director, David E. Brown & Chief of Detained Services, Jeff McInnis

David E. Brown joins DYRS as Deputy Director and Jeffrey E. McInnis comes aboard serving as the Chief of Detained Services.

Brown served as the Executive Director of the National Youth Employment Coalition for 5 years. He brings over 26 years in youth work to DYRS. Over 16 years ago Brown worked as a Special Assistant to the Administrator of the former DYRS agency, Youth Service Administration. "This job is like going home," said David Brown.

As Deputy Director, Brown oversees all direct care services for both detained and committed youth and directly supervises DYRS' Chiefs of Detained Youth, Committed Youth and Medical Services.

Jeffrey E. McInnis served as the Director of the Court Alternatives Department for the Guilford County Government in Greensboro, NC for 10 years where he successfully implemented a community-based juvenile structured day program, an adult offender day reporting center and operated a juvenile detention center. McInnis brings over 15 years of professional experience to DYRS. McInnis will plan, implement, integrate and coordinate activities of youth detained in DYRS' custody.

"I am excited to be a part of Director Schiraldi's management team as the agency implements strategies to improve its juvenile justice service delivery," said McInnis. "The District is on the cutting edge of juvenile justice reform and I am certain that once the vision has materialized, the outcomes will be very positive."

DYRS teams up with DOES for youth job initiative

Committed DYRS youth are being given the opportunity to receive job training and placement through a partnership between DYRS and The Department of Employment Services (DOES). The work force development youth are supervised by DYRS and work with DYRS Employment Coordinator, Kathy Sutton.

During the pre-orientation process youth were brought in "classes" to hear inspirational words of professional advice from DYRS Director, Vincent Schiraldi and Chief of Staff, Michael Watts. "We want to make sure you all are equipped with everything you need to get and keep a job. Every job you have leads to the next job, I cleaned many toilets and did a whole bunch of jobs that I hated but I learned something from each one," said Schiraldi.

Watts reminded youth to keep their "PMA" up." Positive mental attitude will take you further than a negative one will any day at any job. You have to learn how to humble yourself when you are at a job." All youth in the program were given bus passes for the entire month to get them back and forth to training and work. Book bags with notebooks, pens, and even work clothes and professional shoes were also given to help the youth be totally prepared for their new jobs.

"There should be no reason that the kids in this program don't report to DOES for full training. We have given them all the supplies they need and workplace tips so that they can be successful," explained Sutton.

Since the launch of the program in December, DYRS has referred 60 youth to DOES where they will be given career training and placed at job throughout the District



DYRS employment coordinator, Kathy Sutton, speaks to youth about employment

PARENT'S PAGE

Calling All Parents

If you have concerns about your loved ones in the juvenile justice system attend the Parent Watch



Family Group Session

Every Wednesday @ YSC

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Community Room

Contact the Parent Watch Resource Center at 202.576.8386

1000 Mt. Olivet Road, NE Washington, DC 20002



Jo Paterson



Phil Watson



Rodney Gainous Jr.

Parent Watch Resource Center

DYRS is partnering with Parent Watch, Inc., to establish the Parent Watch Resource Center. The center will facilitate the growth and development of parents and families impacted by the juvenile justice system. Through the partnership, Parent Watch will jointly assist individuals in understanding the laws governing the juvenile justice system and promote productive and engaged families. The results will enhance both family involvement and help foster positive youth development.

Justice 4 DC Youth Coalition Chapter

DYRS has encouraged and permitted the Justice 4 DC Youth Coalition, a youth-led advocacy organization, to organize a youth chapter at Oak Hill. This will be the first youth advocacy program run inside a youth correctional facility in the country. The program will contribute significantly to empowering incarcerated young people, giving them a voice in policy discussions about issues near and dear to their hearts. This type of positive community involvement is a core concept of youth development, involving young people in pro-social, community minded activities that directly affect them.

Friendship House Association

619 D Street, SE

Washington, DC 20003

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The mission of Friendship House is to help people find alternatives to life-long poverty, to counteract the breakdown in family life and to establish partnerships with individuals and provide solutions to their problems.

The focus of the Parent Advocacy Center is to assist parents and guardians of youth engaged in the juvenile justice system to navigate the system, to effectively represent their children and to assist in the successful reentry into the neighborhood. Services are provided on and at off-site locations.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 27, 2006 TO
PAULA MARTIN @ 202.576.8175

THE PARENT WATCH RESOURCE CENTER HELPS PARENTS AND FAMILIES, OF YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BY HELPING THEM BECOME EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES. THE RESOURCE CENTER ALSO EMPOWERS FAMILIES BY ASSISTING THEM WITH OBTAINING NEEDED SERVICES IN THE FACILITIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

invites you to participate in our

Spring Makeover Day

at Oak Hill Youth Center

Saturday, April 22, 2006

9:00am - 5:00pm

Please come out for a fun-filled day of service to give the buildings and grounds of Oak Hill Youth Center a makeover. Parents, individual volunteers, youth groups, churches, and civic associations are all invited to participate!

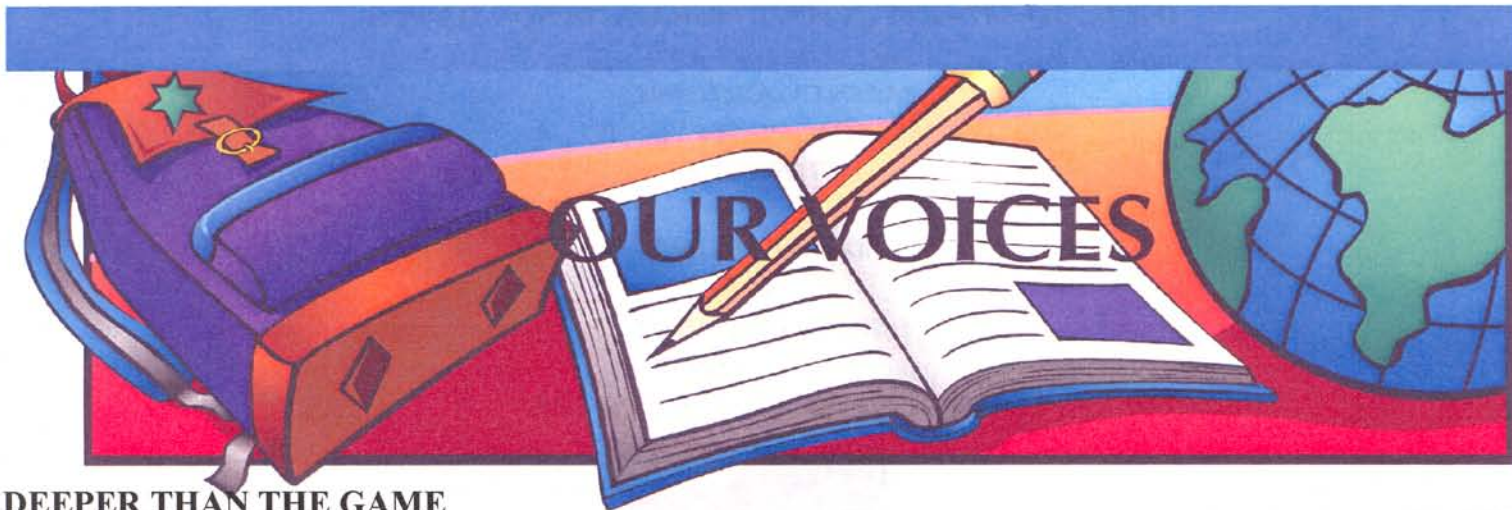


**Continental breakfast, lunch and a good ol' fashioned
barbecue are waiting for you!**

For more information, please contact:

Volunteer and Program Coordinator, Nkenge Watkins at (202) 576-8155

Rain date - Sunday, April 23, 2006 9:00am - 5:00pm



DEEPER THAN THE GAME

By: Junior Journalist D.G. (8A)

Congratulations to the Oak Hill Tigers and their coach Mr. Juan Lyles for finishing their 2005-2006 season with a record of 9-1.

During the season, Coach Lyles had residents coming and going constantly but that did not stop the progression of his team. Aware of the challenges that the Oak Hill Tigers would face, he stacked a 20 player roster to ensure he had enough players throughout the end of the season. Although Coach Lyles faced several challenges throughout the season, he never got discouraged. "I didn't start coaching because I wanted to win games, I started coaching because when I was young, basketball was one of the outlets I turned to growing up in DC while dealing with a parent who was addicted to drugs. I hope these young men will be able to use their aggression and athletic ability, on the court, in a positive way instead of on the streets," said Lyles.

Players on the Oak Hill Junior Varsity Basketball Team are responsible for maintaining a 2.0 grade point average and good behavior, just like any other player in their district. The team qualified for the finals, but was unable to attend because the tournament was held out of state and would have required participating residents to be off grounds for several days.

"I always remind my players that basketball is like the game of life. You learn discipline, how to gracefully win and loose and how to be a team player," said Lyles.



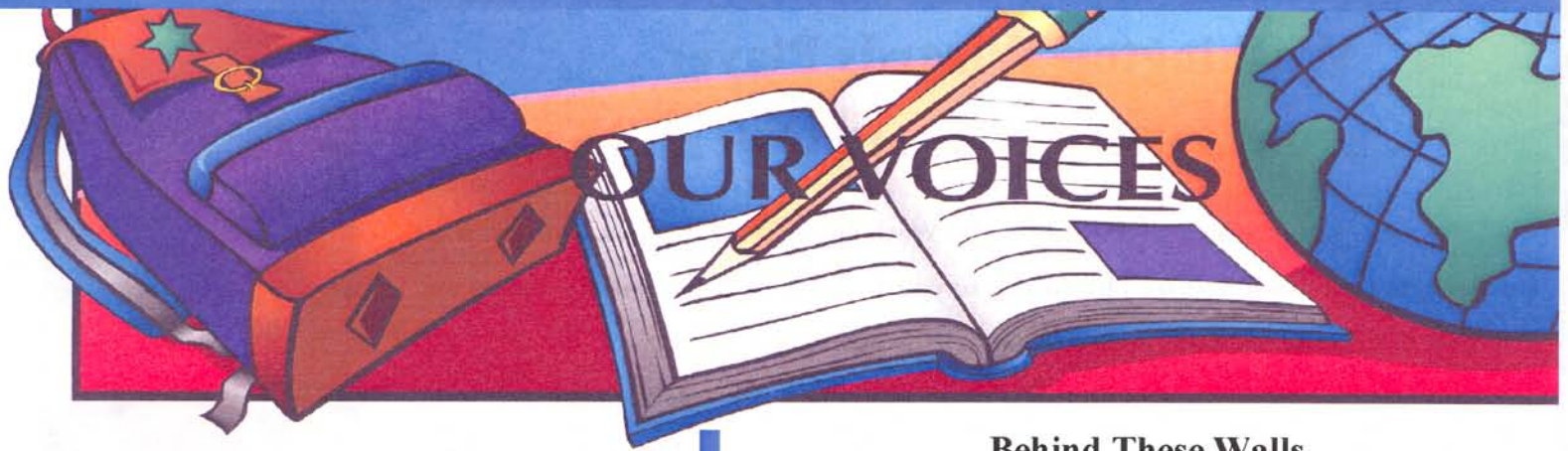
Basketball Coach Juan Lyles and Athletic Director Rodney Henderson

Behavior Practice of the Month: What Respect Means to Me

Respect means if you give you shall receive it and others will respect you in return. I think respect comes from the heart. The word is based on respect. I also think respect comes from a courageous person. Respect comes from how your family raised you. Respect is based on love and trust. Respect is a divine word to speak on. However you understand respect is how you see yourself. Respect is an important thing to have in your life. Respect goes both ways for children and adults. Everyone deserves respect. Respect is joy and peace. Respect is the key to the heart. Respect is and excellent thing to have in your life. Respect also shows wisdom. Respect goes a long way and shows that you care. Respect shows that your intelligent. Also, respect comes from the way you express yourself.

This is what I think about respect. My thoughts are inspired by a respectful person who always gives and receives respect, Ms. White. Thank you for reminding me what respect means.

S.P. Pod A100



My Goals in Life

My goal is to be a doctor or a brain surgeon. If that doesn't work out I want to help the homeless by trying to make money so that I can supply a shelter or a home with food and clothes.

I set goals in my life because I want to be a lot of things in my life. That's why I'm trying to turn my life around. That's why I want to succeed and be successful.

B.M Pod B100



Hopeless

I sit around without a care

Living on the rough side without any fear

Lying, drinking,

Drugging, never thinking,

Robbing, stealing,

Hustling, dealing,

Boasting, cheating,

Bragging, sneaking,

Confused in denial, no caring why.

Hopeless

-Anonymous, YSC

Behind These Walls

I am a 17 year old female. I have a 2 year old son. I have been through some crazy and rough situations for the past 17 years.

I was raped at the age of 8. I was also gang raped at the age of 14, while I was 5 months pregnant. Now that I am 17 years old I am HIV positive. I had chlamydia at the age of 15 and by the time I was 15 ½ I contracted gonorrhea. At the age of 15 ½ I became a prostitute.

When I was sixteen I started smoking crack cocaine. It was easy to start but hard to stop. I would sell my body for crack, I loss weight and stole from people just to get a hit. In October 2005 I was stabbed multiple times on my hand and on my left arm.

To be honest I should have been dead a long time ago but God has a plan for me. I wish I could turn back and change my life but I can't because the damage is already done. All I can do now is move on with my life. I can still have a normal life even though I've been through some rough times. I just put my faith in God and he saved my life. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be writing this essay and telling my story. Now I am detained at YSC. I am getting my life together, getting counseling and the proper treatment. I have been detained for 3 ½ months and have been drug free as well.

As I sit behind these walls I think about the changes I need to make in my life and how God is going to treat me when it's my time.

~Anonymous, YSC



DO YOU WANT TO FACILITATE YOUTH FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS?

DO YOU LIKE TO DRAW OUT A YOUTH'S IDEAS?

DO YOU LIKE TO REACH OUT TO FAMILIES?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP GET SERVICES FOR KIDS & FAMILIES?

Youth Correctional Officers

Facility Staff

Recreation Staff

JJIC's



EVERYONE!!!

Culinary Staff

Administrators

Medical Staff

Social workers

DYRS IS RECRUITING STAFF WHO WANT TO BECOME FACILITATORS OF YOUTH FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS

Everyone who is interested is qualified!!!

THIS TRAINING WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

FOR MORE INFORMATION STOP BY AND SPEAK WITH STAFF:

Thursday, April 6, 2006	2:00 - 3:30 Oak Hill Control Center 4:30 - 5:30 450 H St. Lobby
Monday, April 17, 2006	2:00 - 3:30 Oak Hill Control Center
Tuesday, April 18, 2006	2:00 - 3:30 Youth Services Center Lobby
Friday, April 20, 2006	12:00 - 1:30 450 H St. Lobby

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Washington Wizards Player Caron Butler Comes to Oak Hill

Caron Butler, starting forward for the Washington Wizards, took time from his busy schedule to come to Oak Hill to talk to youth about his experiences growing up. Caron was arrested 15 times before the age of 15 and ended up in a maximum-security detention center, where he would face the most painful time in his life. "It was survival," he remembers. "People were getting raped. You've got murders in there...It was a bad environment."

Caron told youth that while he was in solitary confinement for two weeks he made the decision to stop hurting his mother and himself and to turn his life around. From that point on Caron used basketball as his deterrent to the streets. He kept his grades up and ended up attending the University of Connecticut for college.

Oak Hill youth were in awe of the 6'7" basketball star who experienced many of the same situations that they are presently going through. Per Caron's request, media were not invited to attend. "I did not want to come across as fake," said Caron, who genuinely wanted to provide a glimmer of hope.



Caron tells youth about his experiences



Oak Hill Basketball Coach, Juan Lyles speaks with Caron



Caron signs autographs for youth

Civic Leadership Academy Begins at Oak Hill

On March 20th, DYRS launched the Civic Leadership Academy (CLA), a 10-week program designed to educate, stimulate and motivate youth at Oak Hill. The program offers a wide range of learning opportunities that are geared toward court-involved youth. Through journaling and self-reflection exercises, the CLA program challenges youth to reexamine their previous decisions and make better life choices in the future.

Youth will participate in discussion groups and interactive work sessions that allow them to develop teamwork, communication, and project management skills. They also participate in environmental education training. Thirteen committed youth at Oak Hill are enrolled in the program. Facilitators Jelani Freeman and Desiree Mithcell will meet with youth every Monday and Wednesday.



Congratulations
to the DCPS
Youth at YSC (Pod C100)
who placed 4th in the high
school division of the
Washington Post and PNC
Banks Stock Market game
during week three.

The stock market game is a 10-week simulation of Wall Street trading that is used as a teaching tool in the classroom. More than a 130 area schools are playing the game.

Making A Difference One By One

The 51st Annual D.C. One Fund Kick-off Celebration was held at the D.C. Armory on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Lead by chairperson, Carol J. Mitten, and vice chairperson Adrian H. Thompson the goal this year is to have every District government employee participate by donating a minimum contribution of \$2 per pay period.

The DC One Fund Drive is the District government's only official charitable fund-raiser. DYRS employees are encouraged to pledge their support to not-for-profit, charitable organizations that aid our agency in some capacity. The District has authorized the United Black Fund, Inc. of Greater Washington, DC and the United Way of the National Capital Area to serve as the campaign administrators of the drive. The DC government will continue to have policy management and fiscal responsibility for the One Fund Drive. The one fund lists over 1,000 tax-exempt charitable organizations.

DYRS employees Kathy Ashe, Special Assistant, and Mustaaafa Dozier, Government and Labor Relations Liaison, have teamed up to head up our agency wide campaign for the fund. If you would like to contribute to the fund please feel free to contact them.

Kathy Ashe 202.576.8397, Mustaaafa Dozier 202.576.8426.



DYRS in the News

Make sure to read the latest articles

circulating around your building or email

The Dupont Current: City, Advocates Eye Oak Hill Replacement, (2-22-06)

Federal Court threatens receivership of Oak Hill unless plans for a replacement are rushed.

The Washington Times: Fewer Juveniles Arrested in '05; Trend Disputed, (3-5-06)

DYRS shows factual statistics proving juvenile arrests were down in 2005.

The Washington Post: How to Reach Troubled Youth, (3-13-06)

Editorial piece on best practices for dealing with troubled youth, written by agency director Vincent Schiraldi.

The Washington Times: Juvenile Records Access Opposed, (3-15-06)

Youth advocates want D.C. officials to stop the push to allow authorities greater access to confidential juvenile criminal records.

Non-profit organizations come to Oak Hill with a message

"Unless you want to end up dead or in jail, you have to start making changes in your life today," was the message that Kenny Barnes Sr., founder of Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOTS), brought to youth at Oak Hill. He was joined by David Bowers, No Murders DC and Curtis Mozie of Tale of a Tape Foundation for a Saturday presentation in which they spoke of their personal experiences with violence in DC and how they decided they would make a change in their communities.

Youth at Oak Hill were especially attentive during the presentation of a tape done by Mozie documenting the life of a DC youth that ended in his murder.

At the end of the program, each youth was given a bracelet that said "Guns Aside." Guns Aside is the current initiative that ROOTS is orchestrating. ROOTS asked youth to sign a pledge stating they would stay gun free and encourage their friends and community to do the same.



Curtis Mozie, Tale of a Tape Foundation, David Bowers, No Murders DC, and Kenny Barnes Sr., ROOTS speak to youth at Oak Hill

DYRS COMMUNITY BASED IMPROVEMENTS

3rd Party Monitoring, Independent Living, & Extended Family Home Programs are in Motion

At the core of our reform efforts is the commitment to place youth in the least restrictive environment consistent with public safety. Most of our youth would actually be better served by being placed in a normalized home-like environment versus a locked institution. Critical to our successful efforts to reduce the population at Oak Hill will be our ability to place youth in appropriate community-based settings. The programs outlined below highlight our efforts to develop a variety of community alternatives.

Multi-Systemic Therapy

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) is an evidence-based program that targets chronic, violent, or substance-abusing juvenile offenders. MST provides 60 hours of professional interventions over four months with the families of chronic juvenile offenders. The staff members are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to the *Blueprints for Violence Prevention*, chronic juvenile offenders who graduated from MST were one-third as likely to be re-arrested within four years as the graduates of individual therapy. Working jointly with our partners at DMH, we initially contracted for 16 slots, but have increased to 48 slots, and plan to have 96 slots available next year.

Supervised Independent Living

DYRS has issued human care agreements for Supervised Independent Living. Supervised Independent Living is geared to youth 16 and older who are unable to remain safely at home and are in need of supportive community linkages that will assist them in making a successful transition to a healthy, productive adulthood. As part of the youth's individual wraparound plan, program staff will place youth in a supervised apartment or scattered-site apartment living arrangement and will assist youth in accessing education, employment, life-skills training, health and mental health services, and other opportunities to promote the youth's well-being.

Extended Family Homes

We have issued human care agreements for Extended Family Homes. Extended Family Homes are similar to foster homes in that the provider contracts with a family to place youth

(2 maximum) who are unable to safely reside with their families. Extended family homes receive respite care, additional in-home staff support and training. The homes are also linked with the natural family whenever possible. If the youth is able to return to their family, the Extended Family Home provides respite care to the family.

Evening Reporting Centers

We currently have two Evening Reporting Centers (ERC's) in operation, one located in ward 4 and the other in Ward 8. The ward 4 site serves residents from wards 1, 2, and 4. A ward 7 ERC should be on-line the latter part of 2006. ERC's serve as non-residential detention alternative and an aftercare placement in a community setting. ERC's are a very intensive form of community placement, providing *six hours of daily, face-to-face supervision by adults* for the youths ordered into them. Thus far, 96% of the youth who have gone through our first evening reporting center have not been re-arrested.

Intensive 3rd Party Monitoring

In August 2005 we were awarded a \$1 million grant from the federal government for Intensive 3rd Party Monitoring.

Intensive 3rd Party Monitoring is a very intensive aftercare program where youth have multiple face to face daily contacts with a case worker. Face to face contact with a youth substantially increased from the 2 times a week, that was typical under YSA to 3 times a day, 21 times a week, during the first week and then tapers off there after.



DYRS Youth Eagerly Embrace Health Series Workshops

To date the Medical Services division at the Youth Service Center and Oak Hill have hosted two health workshops: *Asthma Awareness* and *STD's: Things that Go Boo in the Night*. DYRS youth eagerly participated in the workshops by answering questions, serving as presenters and artistically illustrating the topics on t-shirts.

Our youth learned about common asthma triggers and how to effectively manage symptoms. The STD workshop focused on preventing common sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea, Chlamydia and HIV/AIDS. "I didn't know learning about your body could be so much fun," said one youth. "I feel better about my body and how it responds. ." stated another youth.

The workshops are designed to teach our youth about important health issues, particularly chronic conditions. Dr. Marilyn Corder, DYRS Chief Medical Officer, believes teaching our youth how to take better care of their bodies is a critical step in changing behaviors that lead to recidivism. Youth are encouraged to continue to embrace healthy habits and seek appropriate medical care after returning to the community. Caring for your body is one of the first steps toward reevaluating your life's circumstances and changing accordingly. The workshops underscore the DYRS mission to rehabilitate youth and provide an excellent continuum of care. Other workshop topics will include information on diabetes, nutritional guidance and hypertension.

Ask Dr. Corder: Dr. Marilyn Corder Answers Your Health Questions

Q: I've noticed lately that my throat is scratchy and I have an "itching" sensation in my ears. What is going on here?

A: Your symptoms suggest you may have an allergy or you could be suffering from a mild upper respiratory infection associated with the common cold. Drink plenty of fluids, particularly orange juice. If your symptoms do not improve within 3-5 days see your physician.

Q: A youth from Oak Hill wants to know: I'm seventeen, am I still growing? I want to play professional basketball and need 2 more inches in height.

A: Youths grow until the age of 21, so it is possible. If you started puberty around the age of 14 you may grow two inches although, only nature knows for sure. Focus on consuming calcium-rich foods like yogurt, salmon, beans, greens and almonds.

Oak Hill Youth Receive a Standing Ovation

Positive sounds of African drumming, music, rapping, singing and cheers from the audience were heard coming from the gymnasium on the campus of Oak Hill during a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. entitled "Exodus...Into the New."

Voice & Motion Players (VAMP), a program that encourages holistic and expressive art as a form of therapy in correctional facilities and the current Oak Hill Youth Players (including Unit 7b and 8a) preformed several pieces dedicated to the memory of Dr. King. Youth from unit 6a, several staff, and parents were in attendance.

The program got off to a late start due to the traffic that a bus load of anxious parents traveling from DC to Oak Hill endured to see this one of a kind performance. "The show was worth the traffic and the long drive. I am very impressed with the boys and their talents," exclaimed one of the parents who attended.



VAMP Executive Director, Lenny Smith and
Artistic Director, Carmen White



African-American dance and martial
arts combinations called "Capoiera"



Parents and staff in attendance

DYRS Employment Opportunities

Reference	Title	Grade	Closing Date
3294	Chief of Behavioral Health Svcs.	15	5/16/06
3333	Dep. Sup. Treatment Svcs.	14	5 /17/06
3073	Supv. Facility Oper. Spec.	13	6/21/06
3069	Correctional Officer	6-8	6/21/06
2807	Clinical Nurse	09	Open until filled
2798	Special Assistant	15	Open until filled
2589	Program Support Spec.	07	Open until filled
2462	Committed Programs Dir.	15	Open until filled

For more details on the employment opportunities listed above please contact:

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